

Accurate Realizations of the Ionized Gas in Galaxy Clusters: Calibrating Feedback

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ABSTRACT

Using the full three-dimensional potential of galaxy cluster halos (drawn from an N-body simulation of the current, most favored cosmology), the distribution of the X-ray emitting gas is found by assuming a polytropic equation of state and hydrostatic equilibrium, with constraints from conservation of energy and pressure balance at the cluster boundary. The resulting properties of the gas for these simulated redshift zero clusters (the temperature distribution, mass–temperature and luminosity–temperature relations, and the gas fraction) are compared with observations in the X-ray of nearby clusters. The observed properties are reproduced only under the assumption that substantial energy injection from non-gravitational sources has occurred; AGN may be capable of providing this energy, which amounts to roughly 3 to 5×10^{-5} of the rest mass in stars (assuming roughly ten percent of the gas initially in the cluster forms stars). With the method described here it is possible to generate realistic X-ray and Sunyaev-Zel’dovich cluster maps and catalogs from N-body simulations, with the distributions of internal halo properties (and their trends with mass, location, and time) taken into account.

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1. Introduction

Current and upcoming surveys in a variety of wavelength bands will increase the number of well-observed clusters of galaxies by at least an order of magnitude, while probing to much higher redshifts than before. Understanding the physical state of the intra-cluster medium (ICM) will be essential to exploiting this new data. In particular, it is necessary to develop methods of accurately modeling the thermal state of the gas in clusters before one can extract cosmological information from large surveys, which measure quantities arising from that state. For cluster-sized halos in a cosmological setting, the theoretical final distribution expected from the gravitational collapse of the dark matter (DM) is well understood (Navarro et al. 1997; Bullock et al. 2001; Jing & Suto 2002; Power et al. 2003; Zhao et al. 2003; Navarro et al. 2004; Tasitsiomi et al. 2004; Reed et al. 2005b; Bartelmann et al. 2005; Diemand et al. 2005; Shaw et al. 2006; Lu et al. 2006). Measurements of the DM density profile in galaxy groups and clusters agree well with this theoretical expectation (Lewis et al. 2003; Dahle et al. 2003; Pratt & Arnaud 2005; Pointecouteau et al. 2005; Comerford et al. 2006; Lokas et al. 2006; Rines & Diaferio 2006; Zekser et al. 2006; Mandelbaum et al. 2006; Gastaldello et al. 2006; Schmidt & Allen 2006; Saha et al. 2006). However, the hot intracluster gas in these systems does not parallel the DM in either density or temperature distribution.

Much progress has been made in understanding the expected ICM distribution inside a standard DM halo (with the density profile showing a power law cusp as in Navarro et al. 1997; Moore et al. 1999, or similar). Makino et al. (1998) gave an analytic expression for the density of isothermal gas in hydrostatic equilibrium with a NFW potential; this was soon extended to non-isothermal gas with a polytropic equation of state (Suto et al. 1998; Wu et al. 2000; Loewenstein 2000; Ascasibar et al. 2003), and to triaxial halos (Lee & Suto 2003; Wang & Fan 2006). The resulting gas profiles possess a finite density core, and not a cusp as seen in the DM.

In addition, the gross energetics of the gas does not parallel that of the DM either. Assuming that the gas energy comes solely from gravitational collapse gives the self-similar scalings between mass M , luminosity L , and temperature T of $M \propto T^{3/2}$ and $L \propto T^2$ (Kaiser 1986; Eke et al. 1998). However, these scalings do not agree with the observed relations, leading Kaiser (1991) to propose that non-gravitational energy injection is important. This idea has gained support from a number of analytic investigations into polytropic ICM in DM potentials (Balogh et al. 1999; Suto et al. 1998; Wu et al. 2000; Loewenstein 2000; Tozzi & Norman 2001; Komatsu & Seljak 2001; Babul et al. 2002; Voit et al. 2002; Dos Santos & Doré 2002; Shimizu et al. 2004; Lapi et al. 2005; Afshordi et al. 2005; Solanes et al. 2005). An additional departure from self-similarity can come from star formation, which

selectively removes gas with short cooling times, low entropy, and low total energy, leaving behind higher entropy material (Voit & Bryan 2001; Tozzi & Norman 2001; Voit et al. 2002; Scannapieco & Oh 2004). Detailed computer simulations including star formation and feedback are confirming the importance of non-gravitational processes (e.g. Borgani et al. 2005; Ettori et al. 2006; Sijacki & Springel 2006; Borgani et al. 2006; Romeo et al. 2006; Muanwong et al. 2006; Nagai 2006, and references therein). It appears from the cited papers that both processes are at work: low entropy gas is incorporated into stars, and energy and metals are added to the remaining gas via feedback processes.

Based on these advances in our understanding of clusters, one can usefully combine prescriptions for gas physics with analytic modeling of DM profiles, but this method has limitations. Since halos are formed by stochastic merging of subunits, there is true scatter in halo concentration and inner slope (Avila-Reese et al. 1999; Jing 2000; Subramanian et al. 2000; Bullock et al. 2001; Klypin et al. 2001; Faltenbacher et al. 2005), which can vary with time and halo mass (Wechsler et al. 2002; Ricotti 2003; Zhao et al. 2003; Tasitsiomi et al. 2004; Salvador-Solé et al. 2005; Shaw et al. 2006; Wechsler et al. 2006). Similar variations exist in halo triaxiality (e.g. Kasun & Evrard 2005; Allgood et al. 2006; Ho et al. 2006; Rahman et al. 2006, and references therein) and substructure (e.g. Gill et al. 2004; Reed et al. 2005a; Shaw et al. 2006, and references therein). The clustering of halos has been shown to depend upon age or concentration, as well as mass (Berlind et al. 2006, and references therein). Thus mass, environment, and formation history all play significant roles in determining halo properties.

In prior work, Ostriker et al. (2005) improved on the use of analytic DM potentials by instead using the full three-dimensional potential of halos drawn from N-body simulations, combining these detailed 3-D models with current modeling of the gas physics. This procedure has the advantage of including the full distribution of halo concentration, as well as halo triaxiality and substructure. By drawing on a large N-body simulation volume (computationally much less costly than a full hydrodynamic run), trends of internal halo properties with mass, location, and time are all included, along with halo-halo correlations. This procedure inevitably requires the utilization of certain dimensionless parameters which—since they derive from feedback processes—are difficult, at present, to determine from *ab initio* computations. The purpose of the present paper is to tie down these parameters using observations of X-ray clusters. In particular, we apply the method of Ostriker et al. (2005) to a set of halos drawn from a large DM simulation of a cosmology in accord with the WMAP 3-year data (Spergel et al. 2006). The resulting catalog is compared to X-ray observations of nearby clusters. The amount of energy input from non-gravitational sources can significantly affect gas properties, but with the proper amount—consistent with AGN activity—this method can reproduce the properties of the local cluster population. The procedures

used to create the simulated cluster sample are described in §2, these clusters are compared to X-ray observations in §3, and we discuss the implications in §4. One extension of this work is to use the gas properties to compute the Sunyaev-Zel’dovich (SZ) effect; Sehgal et al. (2006) do this to make available large-area, sub-arcminute resolution microwave sky maps.

2. The Simulated Cluster Catalog

2.1. Dark Matter Halos

To produce a population of DM halos, we chose cosmological parameters to match the results from the 3-year WMAP data combined with large-scale structure observations (Spergel et al. 2006). The spatially flat LCDM model was used, with total matter density $\Omega_m = 0.26$, baryon density $\Omega_b = 0.044$ (so the cosmic mean baryon fraction $f_c \approx 0.169$), and cosmological constant $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.74$. Also, the Hubble constant $H_0 = 72 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (i.e. $h = 0.72 = H_0/100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$), the primordial scalar spectral index $n_s = 0.95$, and the linear matter power spectrum amplitude $\sigma_8 = 0.77$. Concerning the N-body simulation parameters, the number of particles $N = 1024^3$ and the box size $L = 1000h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$, making the particle mass $m_p = 6.72 \times 10^{10} h^{-1} M_\odot$; the cubic spline (see Hernquist & Katz 1989) softening length $\epsilon = 16.3h^{-1} \text{ kpc}$. The initial conditions for the N-body run were created with the GRAFIC1 code ¹ (Bertschinger 2001), with a few modifications. Because the spherical Hanning filter employed in this code to isotropize small-scale structure also significantly suppresses power on small scales, it was not used. The linear DM transfer function at $z = 0$ was calculated with the CMBFAST (Zaldarriaga & Seljak 2000) code ². The DM growth factor was used to scale the resulting power spectrum to the initial simulation redshift, chosen to be when the density fluctuation amplitude on the grid scale is 10%, $z = 35.3$. With these parameters, a cluster with mass $\sim 7 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot$ would contain 10^4 particles; a typical core radius for such a cluster would be $\sim 250h^{-1} \text{ kpc}$, or 15 times the particle softening length.

The simulation was run with the TPM code ³ (Bode et al. 2000; Bode & Ostriker 2003), with a couple of improvements over the publicly released version. Most variables in the improved code are double precision (including particle positions and velocities), with the main exception of accelerations and potentials, which are still single precision. Also, no lower limit was set to the parameter B used in the TPM domain decomposition (see Eqn.

¹This code is available at <http://web.mit.edu/edbert/>

²Available at <http://www.cmbfast.org/>

³Available at [http://www.astro.princeton.edu/~sim\\$bode/TPM/](http://www.astro.princeton.edu/~sim$bode/TPM/)

5 of Bode & Ostriker 2003). This means that at late times there will be more particles followed at full force resolution, leading to improved simulation of the lowest mass objects; at $z = 0$ all cells with eight or more particles were followed with trees. The initial domain decomposition parameters were $A = 1.9$ and $B = 9.2$, the PM mesh contained 2048^3 cells, and the maximum sub-box size was 256 cells. At the end of the run, 54% of the particles contained in 2% of the total volume were being followed with 5×10^6 trees.

The standard friends-of-friends (FOF) halo finder with linking length $b = 0.2$ was run on the simulation volume at $z = 0$, identifying almost 2×10^6 halos with 30 or more particles. The resulting mass function agrees well with the fitting formula of Warren et al. (2006); the difference in the cumulative mass function is less than 5% over the range $2 \times 10^{12} \leq M_{fof}/(h^{-1}M_{\odot}) \leq 10^{14}$ and less than 15% above this. In what follows only halos with $M_{500} > 10^{13}h^{-1}M_{\odot}$ (i.e. 150 particles) are actually relevant (that is, will contain gas with temperatures above roughly one keV) and included in our discussion. There are over 1.4×10^5 halos with $M_{500} > 10^{13}h^{-1}M_{\odot}$, and 3.6×10^4 with $M_{500} > 3 \times 10^{13}h^{-1}M_{\odot}$.

2.2. The Gas Prescription

The gas distribution in each halo is calculated according to the prescription of Ostriker et al. (2005). Gas is placed in hydrostatic equilibrium with the DM gravitational potential of the halo using a polytropic equation of state. Pressure balance with infalling gas near the virial radius and energy conservation determine the two constants required for the polytropic fit. The most important free parameter (after allowing for a 10% conversion of gas into stars) is the energy input into the cluster gas via feedback processes. With a reasonable amount of feedback we find it is possible to match X-ray observations of hot cluster gas.

In detail, a cubic mesh enclosing the particles is placed around the halo, with the cell size twice the particle spline softening length, or $l = 32.55h^{-1}\text{kpc}$. The mass m_p for each particle is placed on the mesh using the cloud-in-cell method, yielding the DM density, ρ_{Dk} , for each cell k . The gravitational potential on the mesh, ϕ_k , is computed from the density as in a standard Particle-Mesh code, but with a nonperiodic FFT. The center of the cluster is defined as the cell with the lowest potential, $\phi_0 = \text{MIN}(\phi_k)$. The radii enclosing various overdensities are calculated at this point, the outermost being the virial radius, r_{vir} , enclosing the overdensity expected from spherical tophat collapse, or 97 times the critical density at $z = 0$ for the cosmology used here (this is a slight change from Ostriker et al. 2005, where overdensity 200 was used). The velocity of the cluster as a whole is taken to be the mean velocity of the 125 particles closest to the cluster center (or, for halos with fewer than 250 particles, the innermost half). Particle velocities are moved to the rest frame of the cluster,

and then the kinetic energy (KE) of each particle is placed on the grid in the same manner as the mass, yielding the KE per unit volume t_{Dk} .

It is assumed that gas originally had the same distribution as the DM, with density $f_c \rho_{Dk}$ and KE $f_c t_k$ ($f_c \equiv \Omega_b / \Omega_m$). A certain amount of the gas mass, M_\star (described below), will have turned into stars; this is presumably the most bound material, so cells are ranked by binding energy $\phi_k + \frac{1}{2}t_{Dk}$, and then cells are checked off until the sum of the masses $f_c \rho_{Dk} l^3$ equals M_\star . The initial mass M_g and energy E_g of the remaining gas are thus:

$$M_g = \sum_k f_c \rho_{Dk} l^3 \quad , \quad (1)$$

$$E_g = \sum_k f_c \left\{ \phi_k \rho_{Dk} + \frac{1}{2} t_{Dk} \right\} l^3 \quad , \quad (2)$$

where the sum is over all cells inside r_{vir} except those marked off for star formation. Also, the gas surface pressure P_s on the cluster exerted by surrounding material is estimated from the kinetic energy in a buffer region nine cells ($293 h^{-1} \text{kpc}$) thick outside of r_{vir} :

$$P_s = N_b^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N_b} \frac{f_c}{3} t_{Dk} \quad , \quad (3)$$

where the sum is over the N_b cells in the buffer region $r_{vir} < r_k < r_{vir} + 9l$.

Now suppose the gas is allowed to rearrange itself within the DM potential such that it is in hydrostatic equilibrium and has a polytropic equation of state with index $\Gamma = 1.2$. This is much support for such a model— see the discussion and Fig. 1 (comparing the polytropic model with a full, high resolution cosmological simulation by G. Bryan) in Ostriker et al. (2005), and also Ascasibar et al. (2006). We will treat the gas as a tracer such that the potential, set by the DM, does not change. Defining

$$\theta_k \equiv 1 + \frac{\Gamma - 1}{(1 + \delta_{rel})\Gamma} \frac{\rho_0}{P_0} (\phi_0 - \phi_k) \quad , \quad (4)$$

as in Ostriker et al. (2005), the resulting gas pressure P and density ρ are given by

$$P(\vec{r}_k) = P_0 \theta_k^{\frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma-1}} \quad , \quad (5a)$$

$$\rho(\vec{r}_k) = \rho_0 \theta_k^{\frac{1}{\Gamma-1}} \quad . \quad (5b)$$

Here δ_{rel} is a nonthermal component of pressure, assumed to be proportional to thermal pressure such that the total $P_{tot} = (1 + \delta_{rel})P$. To specify the final gas distribution given these assumptions, two quantities still need to be determined, namely the pressure P_0 and

density ρ_0 at the potential minimum. This can be done with two equations of constraint, derived by requiring conservation of energy and by matching the external surface pressure, as follows. For a given choice of P_0 and ρ_0 , the final radius r_f of the gas initially inside r_{vir} can be found by summing outwards from the cluster center until the initial mass M_g is enclosed:

$$\sum_{r_k < r_f} \rho_0 \theta_k^{\frac{1}{\Gamma-1}} l^3 = M_g \quad . \quad (6)$$

This implies that gas may expand or contract, changing the gas fraction inside r_{vir} . Assuming the external surface pressure changes little with radius, there will be mechanical work done, causing a change in energy proportional to the change in volume, $\Delta E_p = (4\pi/3)(r_{vir}^3 - r_f^3)P_s$. The equation for conservation of energy is thus

$$E_f = \sum_{r_k < r_f} \left\{ \rho_0 \theta_k^{\frac{1}{\Gamma-1}} \phi_k + \frac{3}{2}(1 + 2\delta_{rel})P_0 \theta_k^{\frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma-1}} \right\} l^3 = E_g + \Delta E_p + \epsilon_f M_\star c^2 \quad . \quad (7)$$

The term $\epsilon_f M_\star c^2$ is feedback inferred from supernovae and AGN, discussed in more detail below. Matching the final surface pressure to the external pressure yields the other equation of constraint:

$$(1 + \delta_{rel})N_{b,f}^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{b,f}} P_0 \theta_k^{\frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma-1}} = P_s \quad , \quad (8)$$

again summing in a buffer region $r_f < r < r_f + 9l$. (Note the δ_{rel} terms were omitted in Ostriker et al. 2005). With Eqns. (7) and (8) it is possible to iterate (e.g. with Newton-Raphson) to a solution for the final gas density and pressure (or temperature) profile.

For this paper we will assume that at $z = 0$ the initial (that is, inside r_{vir} prior to any rearrangement) star to gas ratio is 10%, in other words $f_\star = M_\star/M_g = 0.10$, which implies $M_\star = (f_c M_{vir})f_\star/(1 + f_\star)$. This ratio agrees well with the value in nearby clusters measured by Lin et al. (2003), and is slightly lower than that measured by Voevodkin & Vikhlinin (2004). Star and black hole formation will return energy to the remaining gas via supernovae and AGN activity— writing this energy as $\epsilon_f M_\star c^2$ of course assumes this energy is proportional to stellar mass, which is plausible given that both the central black hole mass and supernovae number are expected to be proportional to stellar mass. The rough estimate given in Ostriker et al. (2005) is that $\epsilon_f \approx 3 \times 10^{-6}$ for SN and $\epsilon_f \approx 4 \times 10^{-5}$ for AGN, so we will take $\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ as the maximum case. This is roughly 3 keV per particle for the gas inside the virial radius, which is at the high end of the plausible range, particularly as we are ignoring energy losses from radiative cooling.

2.3. Cluster Temperature

To characterize the temperature of the gas we will use T_{ew} , the X-ray emission-weighted T inside a projected radius of R_{500} . The X-ray luminosity is calculated using the cooling function $\Lambda(T)$ of Maller & Bullock (2004) for $T \leq 10^8 K$, and assuming $\Lambda(T) \propto T^{\frac{1}{2}}$ for $T > 10^8 K$; the metallicity is set to one third solar (Baumgartner et al. 2005). Mazzotta et al. (2004) showed that the projected spectroscopic temperature of a thermally complex cluster will in fact be lower than the emission-weighted temperature. However, this difference will be more pronounced when computing a single-temperature fit to a full hydrodynamic simulation (containing shocks, cooling fronts, and other short-lived structures) than it is in our simple equilibrium models (which lack such local inhomogeneities), because such features, which increase the thermal complexity of the gas, contribute to this systematic bias (Mazzotta et al. 2004; Kawahara et al. 2006). In order to quantify this effect, we compared T_{ew} with T_s , the spectroscopic temperature measured in the range $0.15R_{500} \leq R \leq R_{500}$. We used the code ⁴ developed by Vikhlinin (2006) to compute T_s , using the Chandra response function and Galactic absorption $N_H = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-2}$. Note that simply excluding the center reduces the measured T_s relative to T_{ew} , independent of spectral effects. For the maximum feedback model, we find $kT_s = 0.94kT_{ew} - 0.06 \text{keV}$, with little scatter; in other words, the two agree within 10%. Given this small difference, we will use the conceptually simpler T_{ew} unless stated otherwise.

3. Effects of Feedback

3.1. Gas Temperature

X-ray surveys provide valuable information on the luminosity, temperature, and mass of clusters. In this section we explore these properties as derived using the method of the previous section. The relationship between mass and temperature is shown in the top panel of Fig. 1. The temperature is the emission-weighted T_{ew} inside a projected radius R_{500} , and the mass is that contained in a spherical overdensity of 500 times critical, r_{500} . Lines show the median mass at a given temperature, and the shaded regions enclose 90% of the clusters; the cases of no feedback ($\epsilon_f = 0$) and maximum feedback ($\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$) are shown. Feedback has little effect for the hottest, most massive clusters: the feedback energy is small compared to the binding energy of these clusters, and thus of little importance to the dynamical state of the gas. Feedback has a greater effect in less massive clusters, making the

⁴Available at [http://hea-www.harvard.edu/\\$\sim\\$alexey/mixT](http://hea-www.harvard.edu/\simalexey/mixT)

gas somewhat hotter. Still, at $M_{500} \approx 5 \times 10^{13} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$, feedback increases T by only $\sim 33\%$. One effect not apparent from the figure is that for masses below $M_{500} \approx 3 \times 10^{13} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ the maximum feedback is enough to make the total gas energy positive, unbinding the gas from the halo. Thus our method produces no halos with temperatures below about 1.5 keV in the maximum feedback case. The data points shown in this figure are from McCarthy et al. (2004), who combined ASCA observations with the extended ROSAT HIFLUGCS sample of Reiprich & Böhringer (2002); cluster cores were not excluded when T was determined. Only those clusters closer than $z < 0.06$ are shown. Below 4 keV, the feedback model provides a superior fit; both models are in agreement with the data above this. However, there is significantly more scatter in the observed $M - T$ relation than is produced in our model. Cooling, which we neglect, will increase the scatter in this relation (McCarthy et al. 2004; O’Hara et al. 2006). The existence of young systems which are out of dynamical equilibrium can also broaden the observed $M - T$ relation, but the effects may not be very pronounced (O’Hara et al. 2006); we are to some extent accounting for this, because merging halos will have greater kinetic energy per particle and thus a higher temperature than a relaxed halo of the same mass. We have not modeled observational error, which will also of course add to any intrinsic scatter.

The $M - T$ relation can be well fit by the power law

$$h(z) \frac{M_{500}}{10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}} = A_{500} \left(\frac{kT}{5 \text{ keV}} \right)^{\alpha} . \quad (9)$$

Arnaud et al. (2005) observed ten nearby, relaxed clusters with XMM-Newton, obtaining $A_{500} = 2.69 \pm 0.10$ and $\alpha = 1.71 \pm 0.09$. This is similar to the relation found by Vikhlinin et al. (2006), who used Chandra data on thirteen nearby, relaxed clusters to obtain $A_{500} = 2.89 \pm 0.15$ and $\alpha = 1.58 \pm 0.11$. Both used spectroscopic temperatures, and excluded the cores (although the radial range used to determine T is slightly different). For comparison, we performed a least-squares regression in the $\log T_s - \log M_{500}$ plane, using all clusters in our catalog with $kT_s \geq 2 \text{ keV}$. For the maximum feedback model we find $A_{500} = 2.46$ and $\alpha = 1.65$; with no feedback $A_{500} = 2.83$ and $\alpha = 1.41$. Thus the zero feedback model has a reasonable normalization at 5 keV, but a shallower slope; with feedback the slope becomes steeper and more in line with observed nearby clusters, though the normalization is lower.

Another method of characterizing nearby clusters is the temperature function, which does not require a mass determination. The distribution of cluster temperatures is sensitively dependent on the cosmological model; in Ostriker et al. (2005), which used the first-year WMAP power spectrum amplitude, the fit to observations was inadequate. Shown in the lower panel of Fig. 1 are two measurements of the cumulative temperature function, with different methods of determining the cluster temperature: Ikebe et al. (2002) excluded

cluster cores when fitting for T , while Henry (2004) did not. For purposes of comparison, we took from the simulation a “light cone” covering one octant of the sky out to $z = 0.2$. This covers the redshift range used in the observations, although they are not volume limited. During the simulation, the matter distribution in a series of thin shells was saved; the radius of each shell corresponds to the light travel time from a $z = 0$ observer sitting at the origin of the box, and its width corresponds to the time interval between shells. Thus a volume-limited mass distribution, including time evolution, is obtained. Locating halos and adding gas was done in the same manner as before. To compute the star/gas ratio at $z > 0$, the star formation rate was assumed to follow a delayed exponential model (Eqn. 1 of Nagamine et al. 2006), with decay time $\tau = 1\text{Gyr}$. Both T_{ew} and T_s are shown for the $\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ feedback model in Fig. 1. Because our cosmological parameters were chosen in part to match large-scale structure observations, and the simulated $M_{500} - T$ relation matches that of nearby clusters, it is not surprising that our simulated temperature function is a reasonable fit to the observed one. Our T_{ew} , which includes the core, gives a higher abundance in the 3 – 6 keV range than the Henry (2004) data, while our T_s , excluding the core, instead gives a lower abundance than Ikebe et al. (2002). The zero feedback model appears to give temperatures that are too low; thus based simply on T , it appears that some non-gravitational energy input is required to explain the properties of existing clusters. The model with feedback and WMAP 3-year cosmological parameters now provides a good fit to the observed temperature function.

3.2. Gas Density

Other cluster observables are more dependent on the gas density, most notably X-ray luminosity. The top panel of Fig. 2 shows the $L_x - T$ relation of our simulated catalog for three values of feedback, again with medians shown as lines and shaded regions enclosing 90% of the clusters; here L_x is the bolometric luminosity inside a projected radius of R_{500} . Unlike the $M - T$ relation, feedback produces a significant change in L_x at a given temperature because the Bremsstrahlung emission is proportional to the square of the gas density, but otherwise there are similar trends seen. Again the effect of feedback is less important in the most massive clusters, where gravitational binding energy dominates. Also, the scatter for a given amount of feedback is much smaller than that observed in nearby clusters (the data points are again from McCarthy et al. 2004, with $z < 0.06$). The zero feedback and $\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ models bracket the range of luminosities seen in nearby clusters. An intermediate model with $\epsilon_f = 3 \times 10^{-5}$ is also shown in Fig. 2; it appears this is an insufficient amount to explain the lowest luminosity clusters.

A more direct probe of gas density is the gas fraction within a given radius. It appears that the gas fraction increases with increasing radius, and higher temperature clusters have a higher gas fraction as well (David et al. 1995; Arnaud & Evrard 1999; Mohr et al. 1999; Vikhlinin et al. 2006). The gas fraction from our model is shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 2, with f_g defined as the fraction of the total mass inside a spherical radius r_{500} enclosing an overdensity 500 times critical; we assumed that stellar mass followed the same radial profile as dark matter when computing the total mass. The model curves display the type of behavior one might expect based on the top panel: models with feedback show significantly lower gas fractions (i.e. lower densities at a given T), with the effect being most pronounced for the lowest mass clusters. Recent observations of the gas fraction by Vikhlinin et al. (2006) are shown in the figure, as well as two clusters from Gastaldello et al. (2006), where for these points the temperature was derived from M_{500} using the $M - T$ relation of Vikhlinin et al. (2006, note they use a spectroscopic temperature, and exclude the central region when finding T). Also shown as a dashed line is the best fit $f_g - T$ relation found by Mohr et al. (1999) using 45 ROSAT clusters and temperatures taken from the literature. Here again, some feedback is required to bring the models in agreement with observed gas fractions, but again the spread in any given model is too small to fit all observed values of f_g .

Also shown as a dotted line in the figure is the mean gas fraction from our cosmological model, after turning enough gas into stars to make the global star/gas ratio ten percent, or $\bar{f}_g = f_c \cdot (1 - f_*/(1 + f_*))$. Without any feedback, the baryon fraction inside r_{500} will reflect the cosmic mean value, but energy input drives this fraction lower, particularly for smaller clusters. We find the gas fraction increases with radius, so at overdensities higher than 500 this discrepancy will be even greater. This raises the question of how far out one must go before the cluster contains a fair sample of the cosmic mass budget. Fig. 3 shows the median gas fraction inside the virial radius as a function of temperature (still using T_{ew} inside R_{500}); the virial overdensity is 97 times critical for our chosen cosmology. Even at this radius, it is only for the most massive clusters ($kT_{ew} \gtrsim 6\text{keV}$) that the baryon fraction reaches the cosmic mean; in smaller clusters feedback causes the gas to expand, reducing the gas fraction by many tens of percent. Attempts to determine the cosmic baryon density from clusters will need to take this effect into account.

Fig. 3 also demonstrates how the median gas fraction changes in the maximum feedback case if we also add a relativistic component with $\delta_{rel} = 0.20$ (there is little change in the spread around the median). With this component, a lower temperature is required to achieve pressure balance at a given density. This model behaves like the no feedback case at higher masses, and like an intermediate feedback case at lower masses. This behavior also holds for all the other relationships ($M_{500} - T_{ew}$, $L_x - T_{ew}$, etc.) explored in this paper; thus it seems a relativistic component will have little effect on thermal cluster observables. While

our implementation is quite simplified, similar results were found using full hydrodynamic simulations by Pfrommer et al. (2006): they found that including the effects of cosmic rays caused only small changes in the gas fraction and integrated SZ signal (they found a larger change in L_x , but this was related to cooling cores, which we do not implement).

To summarize this section, we find that a WMAP 3-year cosmological model coupled with a feedback parameter of $\epsilon_f = 3 - 5 \times 10^{-5}$ (which corresponds to an input energy of roughly 2-3 keV per baryon) provides a good fit to the extant X-ray observations of hot gas in clusters.

4. Discussion

In this paper we have presented a method for determining the gas distribution inside a fully three-dimensional potential; this method assumes hydrostatic equilibrium and a polytropic equation of state, and also that the original gas energy per unit mass equals that of the DM. We then applied this method to a $z = 0$ catalog of DM cluster halos drawn from N-body simulations, and compared the resulting ICM distributions to observations of nearby clusters. The main result is that this simple gas prescription can reproduce many of the observed bulk properties of the ICM, including the temperature distribution and the relationships between temperature and mass, X-ray luminosity, or gas fraction. The main drawback is that in nearby X-ray clusters there is significantly more scatter seen in these relationships than is produced in our method. This could be due to a number of factors which we neglect, including cooling, young or merging systems which are out of dynamical equilibrium. and observational error.

The advantages of using this type of model for the ICM are clear. It is possible to simulate a large volume with a N-body code at much smaller computational cost than is required for a full hydrodynamical treatment. When adding gas with the method described here, the distributions of internal halo properties— concentration, triaxiality, substructure, etc.— are taken into account, as are their trends with mass, location, and time, plus any alignments and correlations between halos.

A second result is that a significant amount of non-gravitational energy input is required to reproduce the properties of nearby clusters. The most likely source for this energy is AGN, which can conceivably deliver enough feedback to explain the temperature, X-ray luminosity, and gas fraction distributions of local clusters. However, there is little margin for error: if we have overestimated the amount of star formation, the black hole to stellar mass ratio is less than 0.0013, and/or the amount of energy returned to the gas by black hole formation is

less than 3% of the black hole rest mass, then the required energy of 2 to 3 keV per particle will not be produced. This conclusion differs somewhat from that of McCarthy et al. (2006), who find that AGN heating is an implausible (though not impossible) explanation of cluster gas fractions; they calculate that it would take 10 keV per particle in order to reduce the gas fraction within r_{500} to the observed level. The reason we require less energy is in part due a different initial state: examining the lower panel of Fig. 2, by just accounting for star formation but not including any feedback, our method leads to a gas fraction inside r_{500} already lower than the cosmic mean, while McCarthy et al. (2006) started with a state in which the gas fraction equals the cosmic mean. In hydrodynamic simulations without radiation or feedback, Crain et al. (2006) found a the baryon fraction inside r_{500} of 90%, which agrees well with our method at higher masses. However, Crain et al. (2006) also find this fraction still holds at lower masses, and that the baryon fraction is still 90% at the virial radius (again with no feedback), while we find a higher fraction in both these instances. Note that if we had instead started with an initial state consistent with a 90% baryon fraction, then we would require a lower amount of feedback to reproduce observed gas fractions.

It is useful in this context to compare with recent simulations which include feedback. The left panel of Fig. 4 relates gas to total mass inside r_{500} ; the solid line shows the best-fit power law relation at $z = 0$ found from adaptive refinement simulations by Kravtsov et al. (2006). With no feedback we find a similar slope, but for a given halo mass there is a higher gas fraction than in the simulations. Adding feedback reduces this discrepancy at higher masses, but at lower masses our maximum feedback case instead has lower gas fractions. As Kravtsov et al. (2006) did not attempt to include AGN feedback it is not surprising that an intermediate amount of feedback would provide the best match. We do not match the simulations when it comes to the mass-temperature relation, however. This is demonstrated in the right panel of Fig. 4. The best-fit power law found by Kravtsov et al. (2006) is again shown as a solid line, and that found by Kay et al. (2006) from an SPH simulation is shown as a dotted line. At a given mass our method gives a higher temperature than seen in the simulations, regardless of the amount of feedback. Kravtsov et al. (2006) found a tight, power-law relation between M_{500} and the product $M_{g,500}T_{sp}$. We also find that this relation is quite tight, and well fit by power law for $M_{500} \gtrsim 10^{14}M_{\odot}$; however, the normalization and slope are different and depend on the amount of feedback.

The near future will see a number of surveys that select clusters of galaxies via their Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (SZ) decrement, which is proportional to the gas pressure in the cluster integrated along the line of sight. Currently the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Array (SZA Carlstrom et al. 2000) and the Arc Minute Microkelvin Imager (AMI Kneissl et al. 2001) are equipped to perform such a search on tens of square degrees on the sky. However, the Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT), the South Pole Telescope (SPT), APEX, and ultimately the Planck sur-

veyor will scan thousands of square degrees on the sky in the radio (Ruhl et al. 2004; Fowler 2004; Güsten et al. 2006; Clavel & Tauber 2005). These surveys will detect thousands of clusters; for example, the SPT will scan 4,000 deg^2 on the sky and observe of the order of 6,000 clusters of galaxies (this is for a flux sensitivity of about 1.5 mJy at the 4-sigma detection threshold with a 1 arcmin beam operating at 150 GHz, and assumes $\sigma_8 = 0.75$). This translates to a limiting mass of $M_{\text{lim}} \approx 10^{14.2} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ if one assumes the clusters are in hydrostatic equilibrium. Sehgal et al. (2006) found a similar limit for a 90% complete cluster sample from ACT.

The redshift distribution of clusters is very sensitive to the amplitude and growth of linear perturbations, and hence to cosmological parameters (Holder et al. 2001; Haiman et al. 2001; Weller et al. 2002; Battye & Weller 2003; Majumdar & Mohr 2004; Younger et al. 2006). However, in order to exploit SZ cluster number counts one is required to understand the selection function of these surveys. This is most easily accomplished in terms of the flux decrement, which depends on the system temperature, exposure time, band-width, and efficiency (Battye & Weller 2005). In order to obtain cosmological constraints, it is necessary to convert the observables into a limiting mass of the survey. There are two approaches to obtain this mass limit. One is to start with the assumption that all clusters are spherical and in hydrostatic equilibrium, and then include some nuisance parameters to allow for deviations from this assumption (Verde et al. 2002; Battye & Weller 2003; Younger et al. 2006). Another approach is to use a very general parameterization of the mass-observable relation, which in its most general form could easily introduce forty unknown parameters (Hu 2003; Lima & Hu 2005). Currently there is little data to constrain the free parameters in either approach. In future one can exploit the SZ cluster observations themselves, to self-calibrate these free parameters (Hu 2003; Lima & Hu 2005; Majumdar & Mohr 2004; Battye & Weller 2003). However if one employs the most general parameterization, little power is left in the surveys to constrain cosmological parameters (Hu 2003; Lima & Hu 2005). Another possibility would be to use complementary observations, such as weak lensing to cross-calibrate the mass-observable relation (Majumdar & Mohr 2004; The Dark Energy Survey Collaboration 2005; Sealfon et al. 2006). A useful approach would be to have a physical parameterization of the mass-observable relation with some prior probability on the free parameters and then self-calibrate the SZ surveys for these parameters (Younger et al. 2006). However in order to obtain this prior knowledge we can not yet rely on observations because currently they are sparse, and in the near future observations will not resolve clusters given that the beams of the instruments are typically larger than 1 arcmin. We hence require simulations to explore the scatter in the mass-observable relation; in order to obtain realistic results, a large representative sample of galaxy clusters is required.

Sehgal et al. (2006) have already applied the method of this paper to a full light-cone

N-body output (out to $z = 3$) in order to generate and make publicly available large-area, sub-arcminute resolution microwave sky maps. We intend to provide a detailed analysis of the mass-observable relation in a forthcoming paper, and will give here only a rough qualitative discussion. In particular, we can use our $z = 0$ simulated catalog to explore how the amount of thermal energy in the gas will affect the SZ signal. One can express the strength of the integrated SZ flux as

$$L_{SZ} = \int dA \int \rho k T dl \quad (10)$$

where the integration limits are along the line of sight through the entire cluster, and over area out to projected radius R_{500} . The right panel of Fig. 5 displays how the SZ signal varies with cluster mass in our model, for the zero and maximum feedback cases. The relation has little scatter, and at higher masses has very little dependence on feedback. Feedback reduces the SZ signal somewhat (as it results in gas being pushed out of the higher pressure cluster cores) and makes the relation steeper. Fitting to halos with $M_{500} > 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$, we find $L_{SZ} \propto M_{500}^{1.66}$ with zero feedback. This agrees with the self-similar slope of $5/3$ predicted for spherical profiles (e.g. Reid & Spergel 2006); apparently triaxiality and substructure have little effect on this relation. The slope steepens to 1.72 for $\epsilon_f = 3 \times 10^{-5}$, and 1.78 for $\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$; these trends are in good agreement with the results of hydrodynamic simulations (White et al. 2002; da Silva et al. 2004; Motl et al. 2005; Nagai 2006). The left panel of Fig. 5 shows how L_{SZ} varies with temperature. Again the relation is extremely tight, and steepens with increasing feedback; fitting to halos with $kT_{ew} > 3\text{keV}$, $L_{SZ} \propto T_{ew}^{2.44}$ with no feedback, the exponent increasing to 2.74 for $\epsilon_f = 3 \times 10^{-5}$ and 2.98 for $\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$. The zero feedback slope agrees well with the adiabatic simulation of Nagai (2006), but our feedback models are steeper, possibly because we are putting in more energy. Increasing ϵ_f from zero to $\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ lowers the SZ signal $T_{ew} = 5\text{keV}$ by 35%, which is similar to but slightly less than the effect seen by Nagai (2006) between his adiabatic and star formation runs. A more detailed comparison is difficult because we are using the projected SZ signal; also there are differences in the cosmological parameters.

This work makes it clear that allowance for feedback will be necessary if one is to utilize the upcoming SZ surveys for precision measurements of cosmological parameters. Fortunately, X-ray observations allow us to calibrate the feedback parameter; adequate fits to the data can be obtained if the ratio of energy input to stellar mass is $\epsilon_f = 3 - 5 \times 10^{-5}$. Uncertainties in this parameter will propagate into uncertainties in the mass-flux decrement relation for SZ surveys. However, it can be seen in Fig. 5 that even the extreme case of reducing ϵ_f to zero hardly changes this relation for clusters with masses above $2 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$. Moreover, it is not the scatter in the mass-observable relation which makes it difficult for future SZ surveys to constrain cosmological parameters, but rather it is the uncertainty in

the scatter which is the main problem (Lima & Hu 2005). Our analysis indicates that this uncertainty is below the 10% level, which would make SZ surveys a viable option to constrain dark energy models (The Dark Energy Survey Collaboration 2005).

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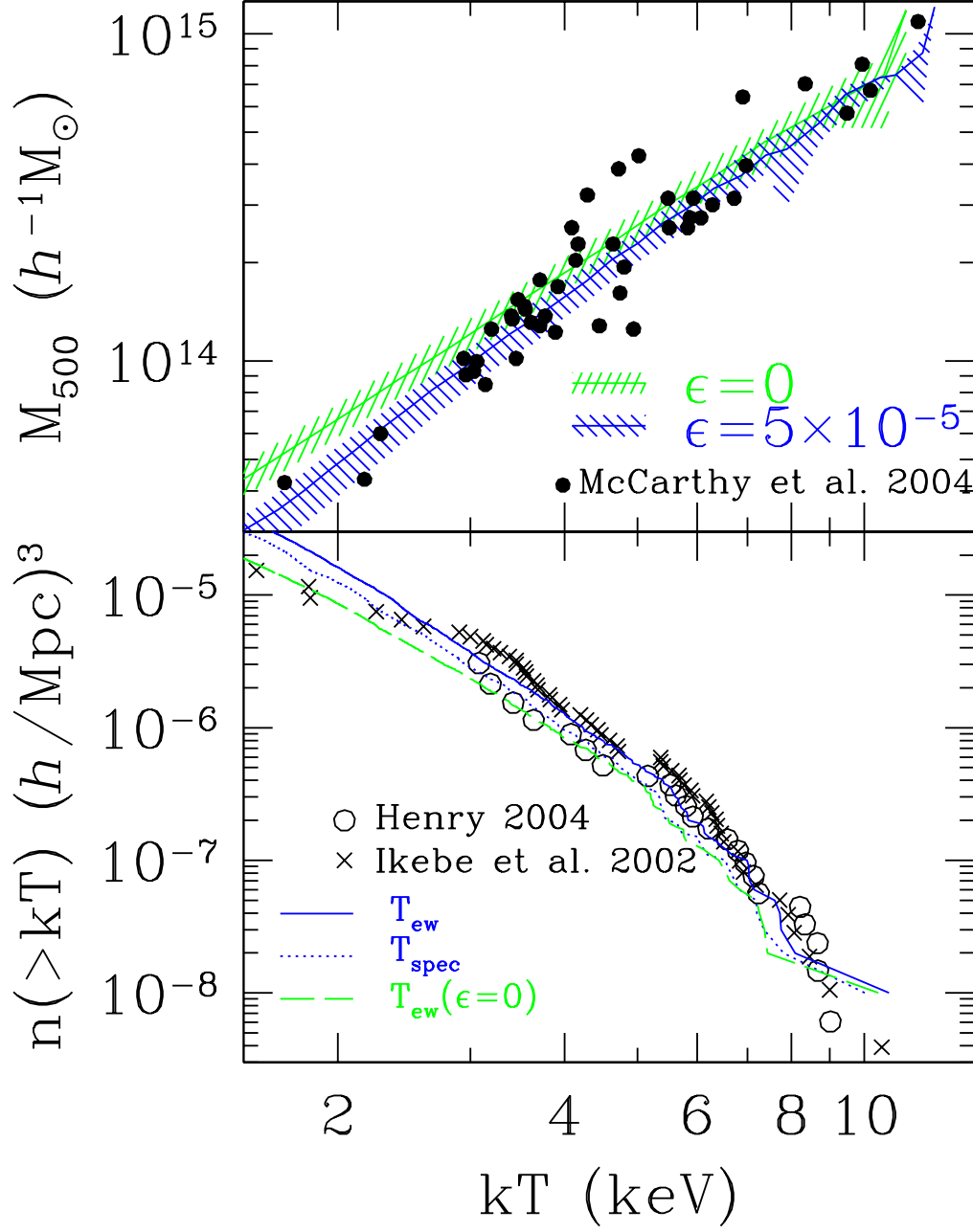


Fig. 1.— Top panel: $M - T$ relation for two values of the feedback parameter. Lines show the median value, and shaded regions enclose 90% of the clusters. Filled circles are data described in McCarthy et al. (2004), using only $z < 0.06$ clusters. Bottom panel: X-ray temperature function. Crosses are from Ikebe et al. (2002) (who excluded cluster cores), and circles are from Henry (2000) (who kept them). Lines are the volume limited $z < 0.2$ temperature function from simulated clusters: *solid*: emission-weighted T_{ew} from all material inside projected R_{500} ; *dotted*: spectroscopic T_{spec} excluding the inner $0.15R_{500}$; *dashed*: emission-weighted T_{ew} with no feedback.

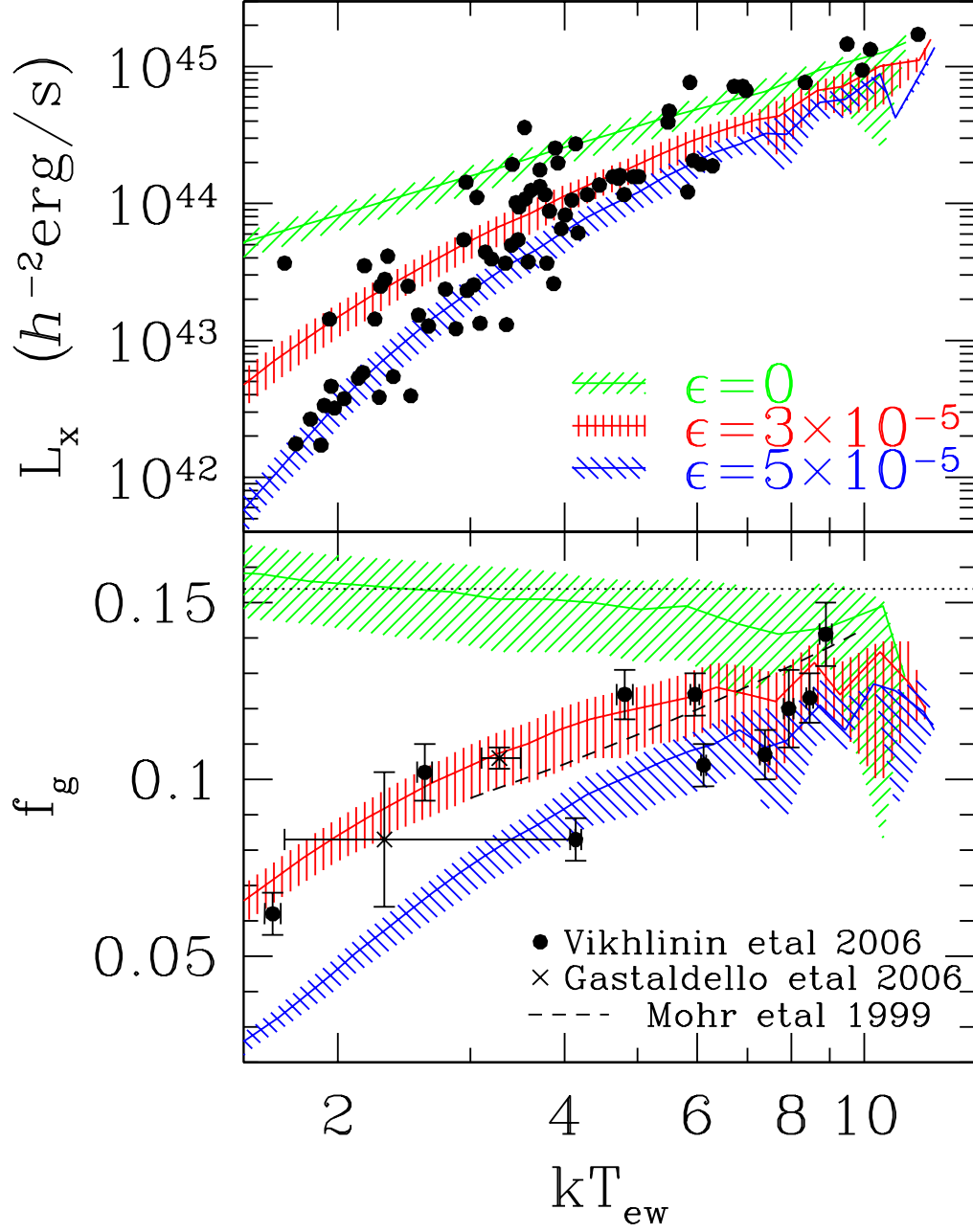


Fig. 2.— Top panel: $L_x - T$ relation for three values of the feedback parameter. For the simulated $z = 0$ clusters, the lines are the median and the shaded regions enclose 90% of the clusters. Filled circles are data described in McCarthy et al. (2004), using only $z < 0.06$ clusters. Bottom panel: gas fraction inside r_{500} . Points with error bars are data from Vikhlinin et al. (2006) and Gastaldello et al. (2006), and the dashed line is the best fit to 45 ROSAT clusters by Mohr et al. (1999). The dotted line is the cosmic mean adjusted to make the global star/gas ratio 10%.

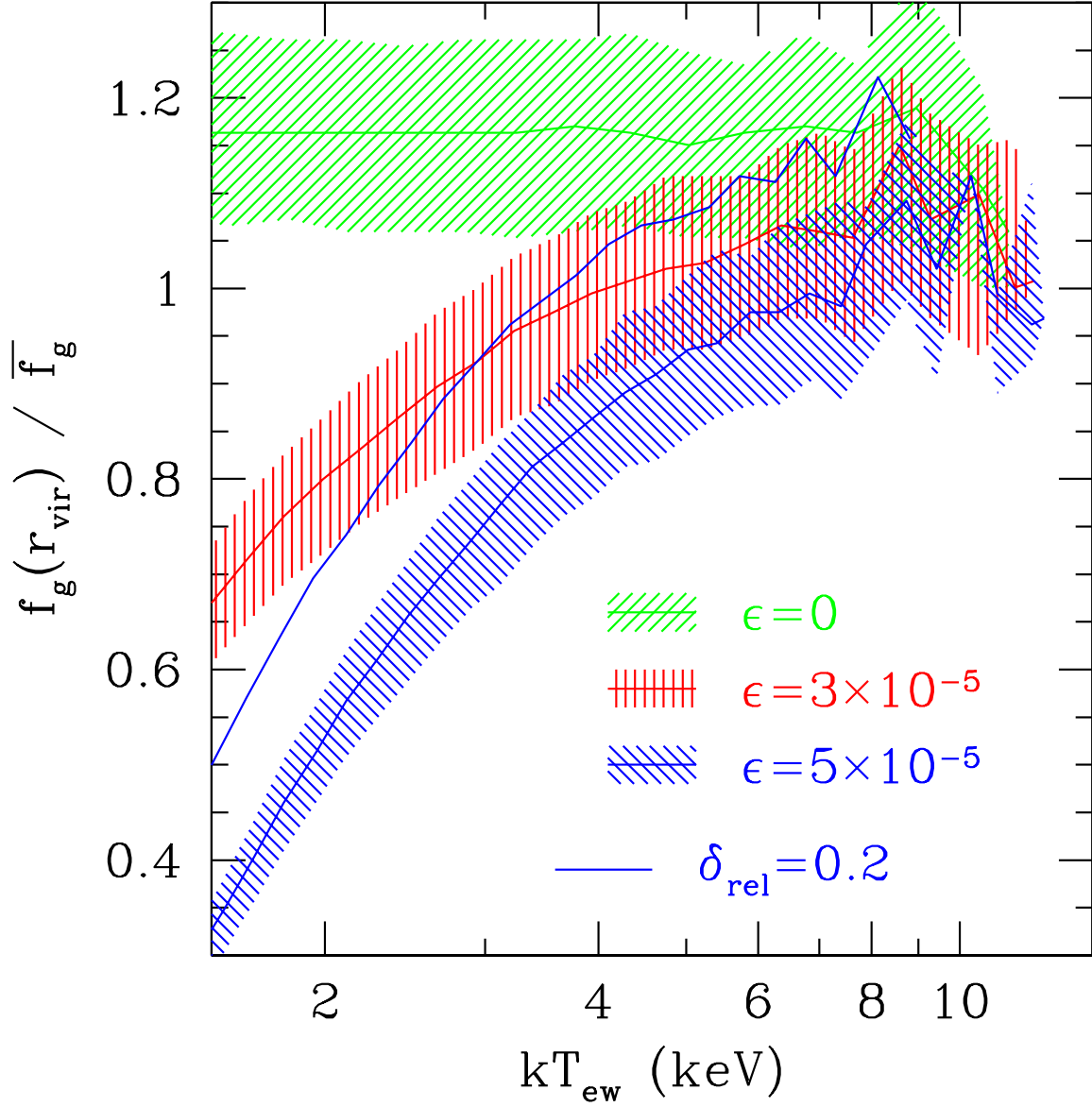


Fig. 3.— Gas fraction inside the virial radius r_{vir} , normalized to the cosmic mean value (adjusted for star formation), as a function of temperature. Lines are the median and shaded regions enclose 90% of the clusters. The line without shading is the median for $\epsilon_f = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ and $\delta_{\text{rel}} = 0.20$.

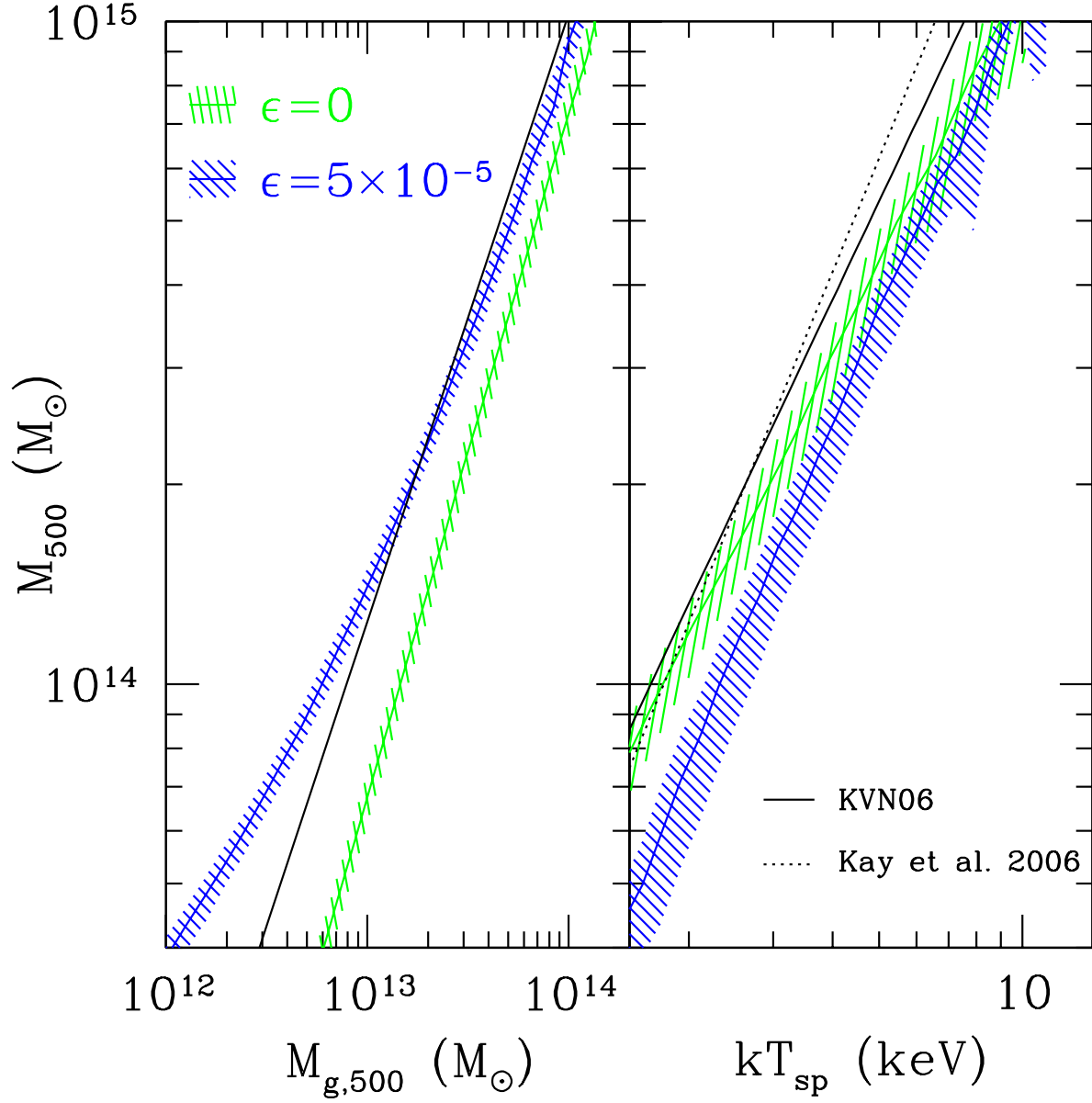


Fig. 4.— Comparison with the hydrodynamic simulations of Kravtsov et al. (2006, solid line) and Kay et al. (2006, dotted line). Left: gas mass inside r_{500} vs. M_{500} . Right: spectroscopic temperature vs. M_{500} .

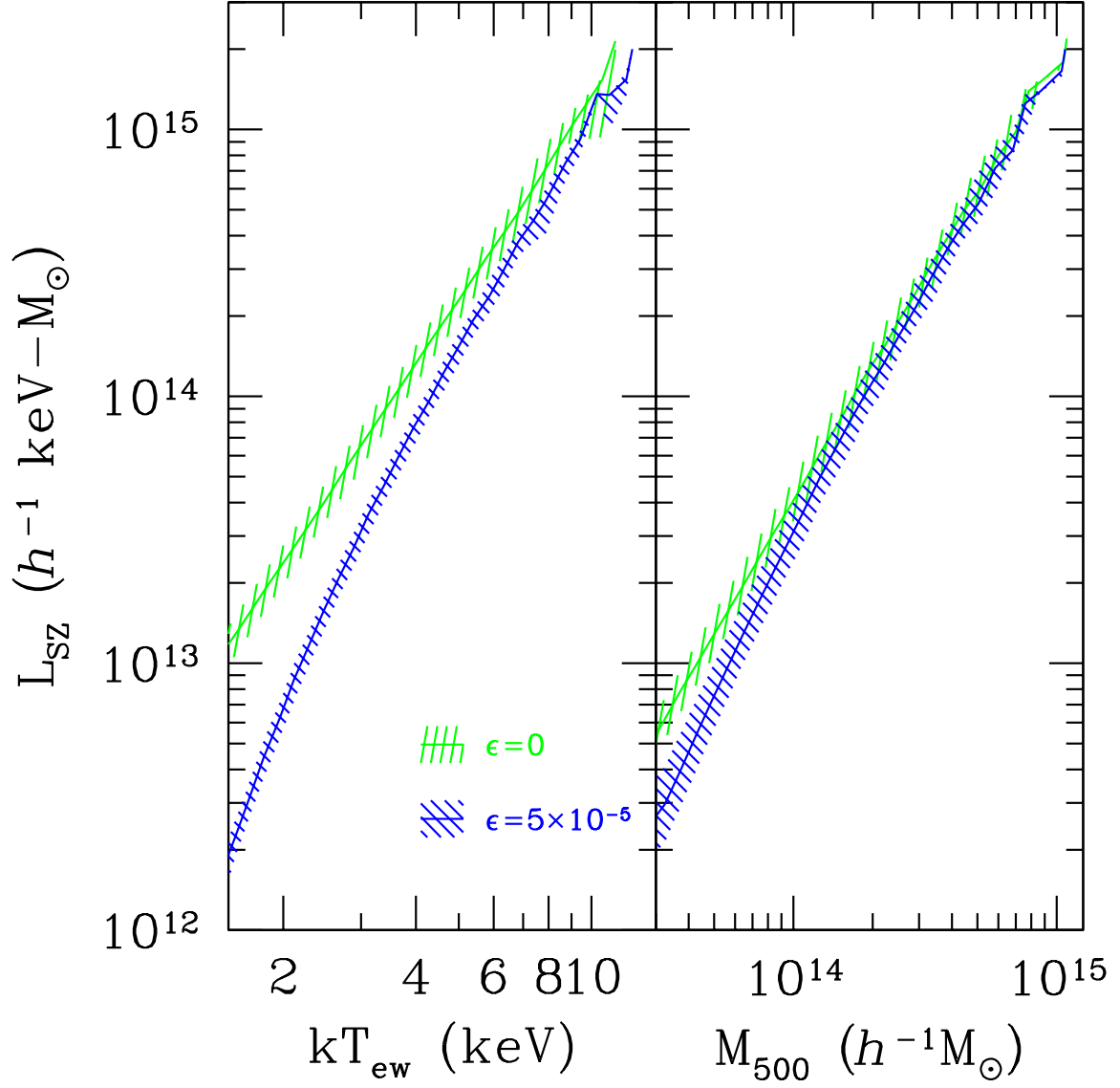


Fig. 5.— Integrated SZ decrement, $L_{SZ} = \int dA \int \rho kT dl$, as a function of temperature (left) and mass (right), for two values of the feedback parameter. Lines show the median value, and shaded regions enclose 90% of the clusters.